

MACKAY SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB NEWS



ON PATROL SINCE 1950



A Word from Our President

Welcome back to the 2021 part of the season after our Christmas break and associated festivities. It has been wonderful to see over the last couple of weekends so many members of all ages down at the beach training in their chosen disciplines, patrolling the beach or just enjoying our Supporters Club Hospitality. Certainly, what being part of a club is all about.

Since the last edition we have fulfilled our Christmas, New Years and Australia day additional patrol obligations as required. Thanks to all those volunteer members who took on additional patrol roster shifts to cover these days or sub for other members. Just some quick updates and happenings from around the club:

Club Christmas Break – Combined Nippers & Seniors Event: Thanks to all organisers and members who were able to take part in this club social event. A very relaxed and enjoyable afternoon had by both children and adults. Even a surprise visit by a “beardless” Santa and 2 of his elves.

Mackay Surf Boat Crew “Silver” Medal

In the recent Team Navy Surf Rowers league carnival at Maroochydore. Congratulations to Stan, Dave, Ben, Craig & Damo on an outstanding result in the “160’s Teams” division. Better watch out ski paddlers, they’ll be asking for a new boat soon and extra storage space!

Club Australia Day Event

Congratulations to Lexi, Josh and Team Nippers for organising & coordinating our beach & surrounds activities for this day. We had water slide jumping castles, volleyball, beach races and many other novelty events as well as live music and an Aussie day beach menu. Beach Patrol stats would indicate this was one of our busiest days with the public taking up our invitation and flocking to the beach at all stages of the day. Thanks to Mackay Council for their support with this event.

Club Grant Applications

Currently club administrator Jocelyn Morgan is working with SLSQ grant writers to secure funding from upcoming grant applications with Stanmore Coal, Stronger Communities, DBCT Community Support Fund and Cancer Council Queensland. Each grant does target specific areas of the club i.e: Facilities, maintenance, upgrades, gear replacement, patrol equipment & consumables.

Maintaining club facilities and gear: recent club financial outlays have been required in regard to roofing leaks, replacement of electrical power points, maintenance to showers & toilets, repairs to club trailers and replacement of an air conditioner. On many occasions club members with expertise provide their own time for free, to repair facilities or club gear on our behalf. This is a considerable saving for us. Special thanks of late to **Mick Wilson, Peter Marshall, Stan Ridland, Les Craig, Mick Blair, Mick Tibaldi and Mick Reid** for supporting the club in this way. On behalf of the patrol captains and IRB drivers can I also acknowledge the time and effort put in by IRB Boat Captain **Mick Reid**. A lot of behind the scenes work to have our boats serviceable and prepped ready for every weekend. Top job.

SpecialEvent Club Volunteers – As we move into Feb/March/April our club has a tradition of providing water safety and first aid for a number of large community events. **See upcoming dates section**. This service we provide is a good money earner and promotional activity for our club. When the request for volunteers goes out please respond if you can.

Finally, to all our club families and supporters, have a great month, take care on the water and remember those Speed Zones around schools are back with a vengeance. Looking forward to seeing you all around the club. Happy Days!!

Brendan

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HELP! Volunteers Needed

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- Feb 27th** Nippers Tri Series ·
- March 5th** Mackay City Short Course Run: Bluewater Quay: First Aid Volunteers (12)
- March 28th** Laura's TRI Event: Harbour Beach - Water safety & First Aid (15)
- April 18th** Mackay Triathlon Festival: Harbour Beach Water safety & First aid (18)
- June 6th** BMA Mackay Marina Run: First Aid (20)



Now Open for Breakfast on Saturday!

At The Surf Club, Mackay Harbour when we say big, we mean big. Come and try "Our" BIG BREAKFAST today. We are open!!! Come on out. Open Saturday's and Sunday's from 8am. To book your table call Ph: 4955 5425 or you can book on our Facebook Page.

Australia Day at the Beach!

Did you get down to the Harbour for Australia Day Celebrations?! Fantastic Day of fun activities, perfect weather and a sausage sizzle. A special shout out to Lexi Schiffer, Josh and Andie Grant for all their work behind the scenes as well as the nipper family helpers on the day. Thanks to Mackay Regional Council for their sponsorship of this event. A few photos from the fun!



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Blast from the Past Challenge!



Can anybody guess who this dashing young surf lifesaver is!? Bonus points if you can name the carnival he was competing at (pictured). I know there are some pictures out there that are just dying to be seen, please send them to me!

SAVE THE DATE

1. Sunday 7th February
Yeppoon Carnival (juniors)
2. 13th, 14th, 20th, 21st February
IRB Course, The Strand (Twinsville)
3. 27 February - Harbour Beach
Nippers Tri Series
4. 12 - 14 March
Youth State Titles Kirra Beach
5. 12 - 14 March
Youth State Titles, Kirra Beach
6. 26 - 28 March
Senior State Titles, Tugun

Club Member Profile

Lexi Schiffer

Lexi is one of our Junior Activities Co-ordinators, pictured here being presented with a thank you present from our nippers. Thanks for all your do Lexi!



Q. How long have you been a member of our club?

A. I joined in 2006 when we enrolled our eldest daughter, Kaylarni

Q. What is your favourite Surf Sport?

A. IRB Racing, Iron Person, and Flags

Q. Do you have a favourite Bondi Life Guard?

A. Bruce

Q. Favourite Beach in Australia?

A. Kirra Beach

Q. 5 people, dead or alive, famous or not, that you would invite to a party?

A. My Dad, Martin Luther- King, Adolph Hilter (so many questions? Why did he feel the need to rule violently?) Josh Wolf, Chelsea Handler.

Thanks Lexi for playing along - if you would like to nominate someone for a Club Member profile, please email Ellen at secretary@mackayslsc.com.au

CONGRATULATIONS

Australia Day Raffle Winners!

Thank you to everyone that bought and sold raffle tickets and Rebel Sport for the voucher scheme that enabled us to purchase the awesome prizes.

The lucky winners were:

- 1st Prize: Ryan Lee
- 2nd Prize: Les Craig
- 3rd Prize: Ross Long
- 4th Prize: Logan Ivory



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Nippers News

Tri-Series (Sarina / Eimeo)

We have now conducted two Tri-series events, Sarina on the 14th November & Eimeo 29th November. These have been a great training activity for our nippers with many great success stories of participation, skill development, placing and winning events and age champions. Once again there were many comments from other clubs about the quality of our nippers.

Their achievements have made us extremely proud. Our last Tri-Series is being hosted by us on **Saturday the 27th of February**. We will require an all hands-on deck approach for this as there are many duties that need to be completed to run a successful Tri-Series. It is a potential earner for the club and the opportunity to see our nippers in action, we would love to see members at the beach and helping out!

Competition training is continuing and is really showing benefits for our nippers when they compete. Well done to the committed nippers (and coaches) who are there week in week out. Available training is;

Tue/Thurs 5.30 am Swim Training @ Pat Wright Swim Centre

Wednesday 4pm Board Training (Harbour Beach)

Friday 4pm-5.15pm Board/Teams training (Harbour Beach)

Saturday 3pm-5pm Iron Training (Harbour Beach)

Sunday 10am - 12noon Iron Training

Thanks to **Greg Born** for leading training sessions as head coach and to Josh and all the Water safety volunteers.

Branch Carnival - Sarina

We took a team of 15 competitors to Sarina, that far exceeded our expectations and made us very proud. With this small number of competitors we placed 4th overall and (according to Josh's calculations) were well and truly a 1st place on aggregate, with our nippers taking out a place in everything they competed in.

Lexi & Josh were team managers, mentoring and overseeing competition management as Team Managers and we saw a lot of growth in the parents who took on these roles. These excellent results have been a culmination of months and months of preparation, dedication and time!

Nippers Break up

This function was a great close to what has been a somewhat disruptive and challenging year. It was a great reflection of the strong bonds and club culture that have been built over the year. Nippers were very happy to see Santa arrive! Many thanks for the presents to Greg & Josh from our lovely and hard working nippers.

Nippers Calendar for Remainder of the Season February

7th (SUN) - U8 - U15's Carnival - Yeppoon (optional)

7th (SUN) - Nippers: surf safety, fitness & skills training

14th (SUN) Nippers: surf safety, fitness & skills training

21st (SUN) Nippers: surf safety, fitness & skills training

27th (SAT) - FINAL Tri-series (Mackay / Eimeo / Sarina)

Mackay SLSC carnival + Club Championship Awards + Social drinks /BBQ {2pm - onwards} (all nippers + parents)

March

7th (SUN) - Nippers: surf safety, fitness & skills training

14th (SUN) - Nippers: surf safety, fitness & skills training

121st (SUN) Nippers: surf safety, fitness & skills training

27th (SAT) from 2pm - Nippers: BREAK UP (all nippers + parents)

Junior clean up

We have conducted a clean up of the junior area that should ensure a more efficient use of our area.

Many thanks to the parents that gave up their time to undertake this task. We are hoping to take ownership of this area with pride and will now make this a meeting place for Sunday mornings.

Yours in Surf Life Saving

Josh and Lexi



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Tri series Sponsors



Thanks to JMS Engineering, Strategic Media Partners and GSR Hire for their sponsorship of our tri series!

Mackay Tri Series HARBOUR BEACH 27 February

The three surf clubs in Mackay have combined forces to create a carnival vibe for our juniors in a fun environment. We have enjoyed awesome events at Sarina and Eimeo and it our turn to host on the 27th February, and because we are a little bit competitive, we want ours to be the BEST!

We need water safetys, age managers, gear steward, beach set up, IRB and crew, officials for recording results, canteen helpers and a cheer squad assembled on the beach to watch our kids in the mighty green and red! Reach out if you can help, it will be a fantastic morning on the beach, love to see you all there!

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The Box Bellies

The Box Bellies, the surf boat crew you didn't know you had, recently competed in the Team Navy Surf Rowers league carnival at Maroochydore in the "160's Teams" division. The northerners were faced with reasonable swell and three heats to make it to the final. The boys improved every race and were the talk of the beach! Making the final would have been enough, but it was truly anyone's race. The boys found clear water first and looked the goods on the way out - a nail biting finish saw them cross the line for silver! Congratulations to Stan, Dave, Ben, Craig & Damo on an outstanding result - thanks to Jane for her expert guidance and the WAGS and kids on the beach for their support!



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